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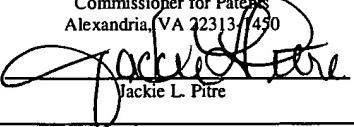
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/841,000
Confirmation No.: 4713
Filing Date: April 24, 2001
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.
Title: IN SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A
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CONTAINING FORMATION
TO INCREASE A
PERMEABILITY OF THE
FORMATION

§ Examiner: G. A. Suchfield
§ Art Unit: 3672
§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-02400/EBM

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

(under 37 CFR § 1.114)

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of application number 09/841,000, filed on April 24, 2001, entitled IN SITU THERMAL PROCESSING OF A HYDROCARBON CONTAINING FORMATION TO INCREASE A PERMEABILITY OF THE FORMATION.

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Application Elements

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1. Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

2. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

3. Amendments

 An amendment is enclosed. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Please consider the arguments in the response filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.

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5. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

6. Return Receipt Postcard

If an additional extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, the appropriate extension of time is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5659-02400/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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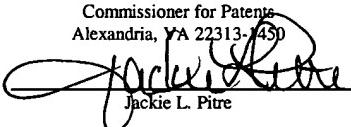
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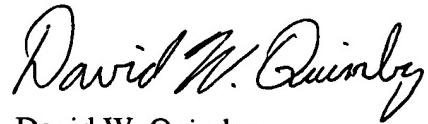
1. Request for Continued Examination fee	\$750.00
2. Extension for response within third month	\$930.00

TOTAL AMOUNT: **\$1,680.00**

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees that may be necessary to the same account number.

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